come will be 15% of the cost.

[English]

Booster at Mangalagiri in Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh

627. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Television sets located in Sixth Battalion and surrounding areas in Mangalagiri, Guntur District Andhra Pradesh abetting the Hills are not receiving the programmes relayed by Kondapalli T.V. Station.

(b) if so, whether there are any proposals to arrange booster at Mangalagiri for the convenience of the T.V. users at Mangalagiri town; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). Guntur district including Mangalagiri lies well within the coverage area of the high power (10 KW) TV transmitter functioning at Vijayawada (Kondapalli Hill). However, certain shadow areas are formed due to terrain conditions around Mangalagiri. Provision of TV service to these shadow areas would depend upon future availability of resources for the purpose.

Separate Air Services for Speedy Postal Service

628. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the postal Department is contemplating to run separate Air Services for speedy postal service;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the financial implications involved in these separate air services; and

(c) the details of cities which will be connected in the first phase by such services?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) &(c). Does not arise.

Courier Service in Public Sector

629. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that separate postal service namely Courier Service is in operation between several important towns and cities;

(b) whether this service is being operated in private sector or public sector;

(c) whether the service in private sector is being operated with the Government approval and whether the Government are responsible for Security of all the articles sent through this service; and

(d) whether the Government propose to privatise the postal services?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. A large number of Courier services are operating in the country, in Private Sector.

(c) No, Sir. None of them has any approval from the Department of Post. Govern-